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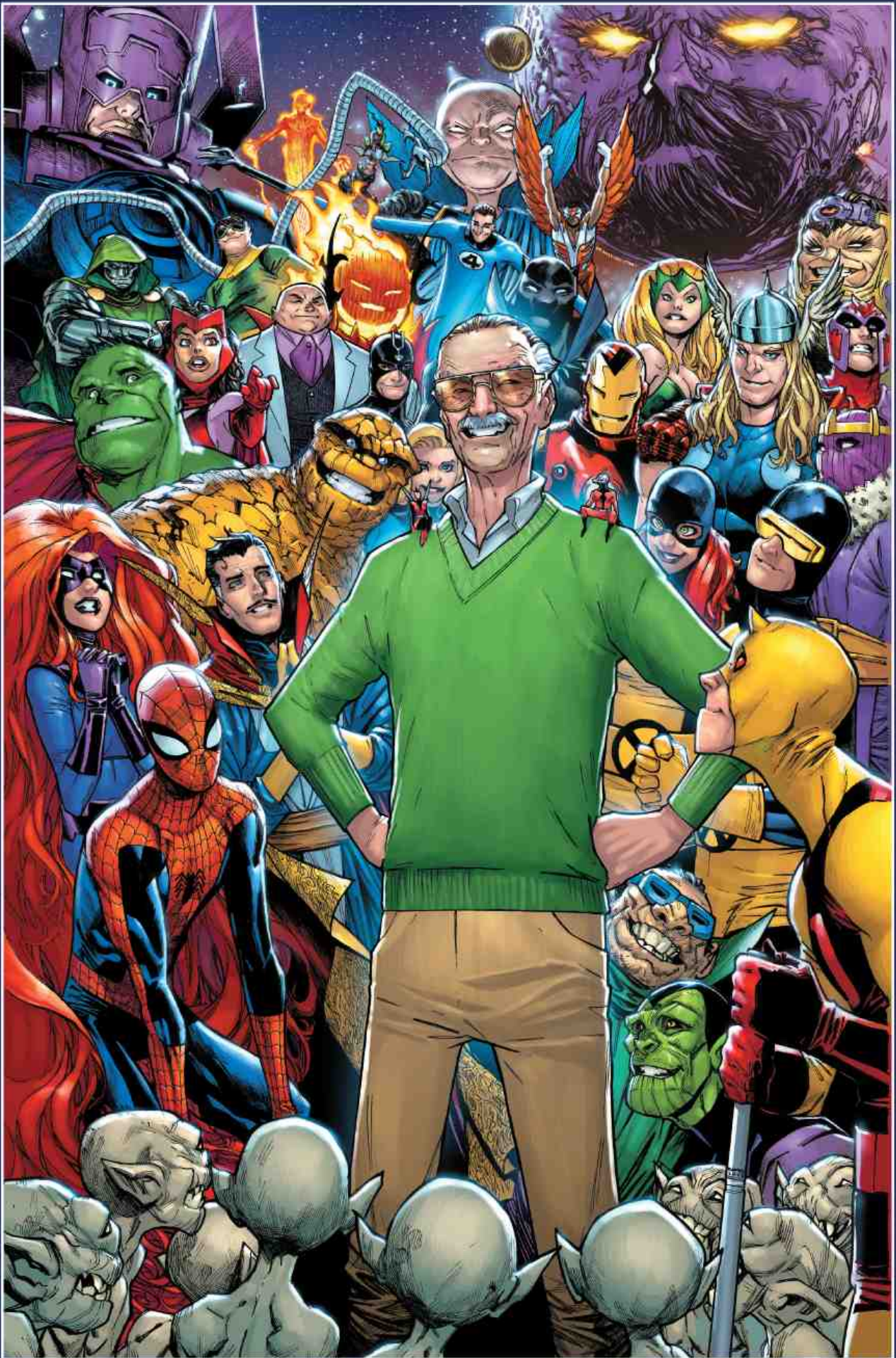
EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

AVENGERS



AARON
GARRON
CURIEL

100 YEARS AND STILL INSPIRING US ALL



WE LOVE YOU, STAN!

The Multiversal Masters of Evil, a group comprised of the deadliest villains of their respective worlds, has been conquering countless universes. The mysterious Avenger Prime has been assembling an army of Avengers from across the Multiverse at his Avengers Tower to oppose them.

Mephisto and his variants launched an attack on Avengers Tower and have also targeted the prehistoric Avengers. Starbrand transported herself and her fellow Avengers of Earth-616 to the ancient past to protect their prehistoric counterparts from Mephisto, but the effort accelerated her aging to an elderly state. After an initial skirmish, the modern-day and prehistoric Avengers teamed up when the Multiversal Masters of Evil attacked, killing the prehistoric Starbrand and blinding Agamotto!

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AVENGERS ASSEMBLE, PART TWO "THE BATTLE OF ONE MILLION BC"

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CAST

AVENGERS



CAPTAIN AMERICA



STARBRAND



VALKYRIE



IRON MAN



THOR



PHOENIX



NAMOR



CAPTAIN MARVEL



NIGHTHAWK

PREHISTORIC AVENGERS



AGAMOTTO



GHOST RIDER



IRON FIST



ODIN



MOON KNIGHT

MULTIVERSAL MASTERS OF EVIL



DOOM SUPREME



KING KILLMONGER



BLACK SKULL



DARK PHOENIX



THE BERSERKER



YOUNG THANOS



GHOST GOBLIN

AVENGERS!

THIS IS A FIGHT FOR
OUR ENTIRE TIMELINE!
FOR EVERYTHING
WE'VE EVER KNOWN!

EARTH-616.
THE STONE AGE.
THE GENESIS POINT.



WE STOP
THE MASTERS
HERE AND NOW!
AT ALL
COSTS!

AT ALL
DAMN COSTS,
DO YOU HEAR
ME?!



OH, I
HEAR YOU,
LITTLE
DEARIE.

NOW
HEAR
THE DARK
PHOENIX.



GOODBYE.



I HATE
IT WHEN YOU
DON'T *SHARE*
YOUR WORMS,
BIRD.

YEAH, WHAT
DID THE REST
OF US EVEN GET
DRESSED UP
FOR?

FOR THE
HONOR OF
BASKING IN
MY GLORY.



DOG.
GO FINISH
ANYTHING
THAT STILL
SQUIRMS.

SNIKT

SNIKT



GRRRGH!!!



RRRRRROOGGH!!!



HHRGHK!

I WAS BORN
IN A CAVE.

AMONG PEOPLE
LITTLE MORE
THAN BEASTS.

BUT I NEVER
BELONGED THERE.

I WAS ALWAYS...
DIFFERENT.

THEN ONE DAY,
I BECAME
SOMETHING MORE.

RRRRRH!!!

I SOLD MY SOUL
FOR THE RIGHT TO
WIELD THE FLAMES
OF THE BEYOND.

RRRRROOOOAAAGH!

TO JUDGE AND BURN
THE HELL-BOUND WHILE
THEY YET LIVED.

WHILE IT WOULD
STILL HURT THEM
THE MOST.

AAARRRGH!!!



I THOUGHT I COULD SAVE
THE WORLD THAT WAY. SAVE IT
FROM ITS OWN SINFUL NATURE.

HHNNNGG...

AND MAYBE
EVEN SAVE
MYSELF.

BUT I HAVE LEARNED...
THAT WE CANNOT STOP
WHAT IS COMING.

THIS IS THE
WORLD THAT
WE DESERVE.

THAT
WAS FOR THE
STARBRAND.

WHO'S
NEXT?



THIS WORLD IS SO
NEW, YET ALREADY
SOURD AND
STRUGGLING.

THIS WE KNOW,
EVEN AS WE
FIGHT FOR IT.

BY ALL THE
STARS DO
WE FIGHT.

FOR WE ARE
THAT STRUGGLE
GIVEN FLESH.

WE ARE THE
EARTH'S CURSES
AND MIRACLES.

AND IN ITS
NAME, WE
RAGE.





ARRRGH, YOU HAVE MURDERED YOUR LAST WORLD, WIZARD!

THE ODINS ALWAYS SAY THAT. BUT IN THE END, THEY **BLUBBER** THE LOUDEST.



AS MUCH AS I'D LOVE TO SEE SOME OF THAT **BLUBBERING**...



...IF THESE PREHISTORIC HEROES FALL, THAT CHANGES MY STORY FOREVER.



GLUGH!



AND I LIKE MY STORY THE WAY IT IS.

YOU **WICH** ME, ALL-FATHER?

TILL THE ASHES OF RAGNAROK BE DUST ON THE WIND, **VALKYRIE!**



FOR MIDGARD!!!



THE EARTH'S PRIMITIVE
APE-MEN HIDE IN CAVES
WHILE THEIR PROTECTORS
FIGHT TO SAVE THEM.



THEY SEE THE LIGHTS
IN THE SKY, FEEL THE
ERUPTION OF POWER...

...AND BEING CREATURES
PRONE TO ALTERNATING
STATES OF TERROR AND
VIOLENCE, THEY REVERT
TO BOTH.



A CAVE TRIBE FINDS ONE AMONG
THEM BORN WITH SIX FINGERS ON
ONE HAND AND DECIDES HE MUST BE
THE REASON THE GODS ARE ANGRY.

THEY ARE
STONING HIM
AS WE SPEAK.



THESE "PEOPLE" FOR
WHOM WE FIGHT...

...FIGHT TO ENSURE
THEY ONE DAY
INHERIT THE WORLD...







MY
POWER...

NO,
WHERE DID
IT...?

YOU
NEVER DESERVED
TO BURN.

HHAAEEERGGH!

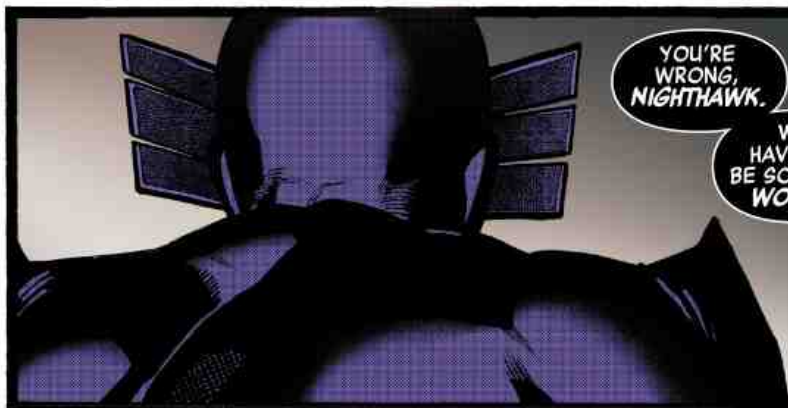


YOU WERE
MEANT TO
ROT.



LIKE YOU,
RIDER, I'M
A CHILD OF
MEPHISTO.

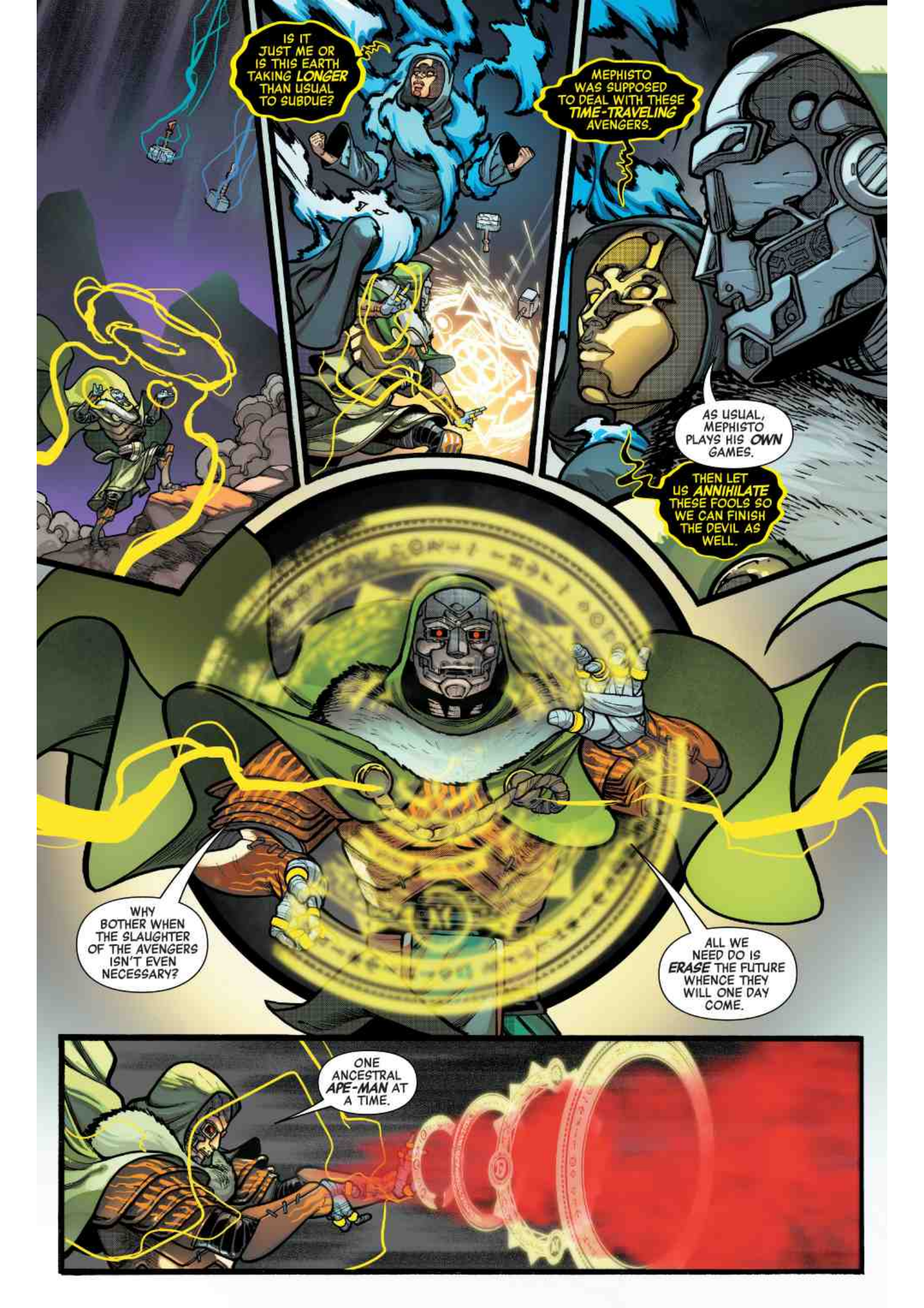
JUST
REMEMBER
THAT WE HAVE
TO BE **BETTER**
THAN HIM TO
WIN THIS.



YOU'RE
WRONG,
NIGHTHAWK.

WE
HAVE TO
BE SO MUCH
WORSE.





IS IT
JUST ME OR
IS THIS EARTH
TAKING LONGER
THAN USUAL
TO SUBDUCE?

MEPHISTO
WAS SUPPOSED
TO DEAL WITH THESE
TIME-TRAVELING
AVENGERS.

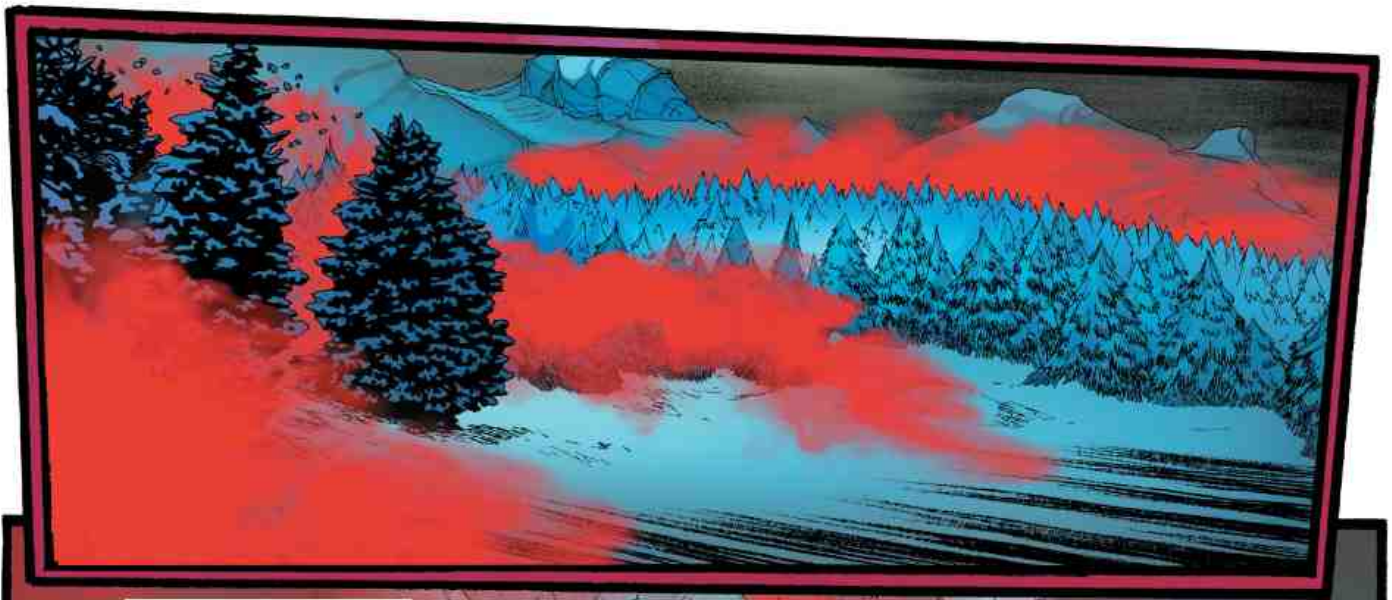
AS USUAL,
MEPHISTO
PLAYS HIS OWN
GAMES.

THEN LET
US **ANNIHILATE**
THESE FOOLS SO
WE CAN FINISH
THE DEVIL AS
WELL.

WHY
BOTHR WHEN
THE SLAUGHTER
OF THE AVENGERS
ISN'T EVEN
NECESSARY?

ALL WE
NEED DO IS
ERASE THE FUTURE
WHENCE THEY
WILL ONE DAY
COME.

ONE
ANCESTRAL
APE-MAN AT
A TIME.



"DOOM HAS CONJURED
A MYSTICAL **PLAGUE** OF
CATASTROPHIC POWER."

AAAEEERRRGHH!!!



IT WILL
SWEEP ACROSS
THE LANDS WIPING
OUT EVERY PRIMATE
THAT STANDS ON
TWO LEGS.

IF IT
CAN BE
STOPPED, I'LL
STOP IT.

IT
MOVES WITH
**UNNATURAL
SPEED**, GHOST
RIDER.

SO
DO I, I'M
THE **FASTEST**
THING ON THIS
PLANET.



NOT
ANYMORE.





THIS ISN'T
EXACTLY MY FIRST
RODEO! BUT HOW THE
HEL DO WE STOP A
PLAGUE STORM MADE
OF DARK MAGIC?

WHEN YOU
WIELD THE FIRES
OF HELL, YOU LEARN
ONE THING.



EVERYTHING
BURNS.



IT'S
WORKING, RIDER!
BUT THE STORM
IS SPREADING
TOO FAST!







WHY DO
WE FIGHT?



GIVEN WHAT
WE KNOW OF
MAN'S DESTINY.

GIVEN HOW THE
FIRES WE WIELD
TEND TO BURN US
MOST OF ALL.



THANK
YOU FOR
THE RIDE,
OLD
FRIEND.



BECAUSE...ONE MOMENT
OF PURE *BEAUTY*...IS WORTH
A LIFETIME OF BURNING.



AND THERE ALWAYS
REMAINS THE HOPE,
HOWEVER FOOLISH, THAT
IF ENOUGH OF US ONLY
BURN BRIGHT ENOUGH
AND LONG ENOUGH...



...WE MIGHT MELT AWAY
THE WORST OF THIS PLACE
AND OF OURSELVES...SO
THAT SOMEDAY, LONG AFTER
WE'RE DEAD AND DESICCATED...



...THOSE MOMENTS
OF BEAUTY MAY EVEN
OUTWEIGH ALL THE REST.



IF NOTHING
ELSE, IT'S A
LOVELY DREAM.

THE KIND THAT
HELPS ONE CARRY
ON BURNING.



UNTIL ALL
IS ASH.



KEEP FIGHTING,
AVENGERS! KEEP
GIVING IT ALL
YOU'VE GOT!

THINK
OF THE FACES
OF EVERYONE
YOU'VE EVER
LOVED!



THAT'S
WHO WE'RE
FIGHTING FOR
TODAY!

IF
WE FALL,
EVERYONE
DIES!



SO WE
DO NOT GET
TO FALL!



I HEAR THE
THUNDER FROM
WORLDS AWAY.

AND SUDDENLY, I
CAN'T HELP BUT
REMEMBER THE CAVE
WHERE I WAS BORN.

I REMEMBER
THE WORLD I
FOUGHT TO SAVE.

THE WORLD
I SO DEARLY
LOVED.

THE WORLD I
ABANDONED.

BUT MOST OF ALL...
I REMEMBER THE
SON I LEFT BEHIND.

THOR, MY
BELOVED.

MOTHER IS
COMING.



EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES THE AVENGERS



AVENGERS FOREVER #12 AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: PART THREE

The greatest army of Avengers from across the Multiverse has assembled.

But will they be enough to protect the Avengers Tower at Infinity's End? Because Mephisto has come to claim that tower's secrets, and he's brought an army of his own.



AVENGERS #64 AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: PART FOUR

The Avengers wage their final bloody showdown with the Multiversal Masters of Evil! Meanwhile, Tony Stark must face his greatest enemy: his own father, the Iron Inquisitor.

